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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A camera comprising:

a taking lens;

an image sensor;

a finder;

a light splitter which is movable between a first position to divide [[the]] light transmitted through the taking lens to the image sensor and the finder and a second position in which the light splitter is away from the light transmitted through the taking lens and the light <u>is</u> directed only to the image sensor;

a driver which moves the light splitter to the first position and the second <u>position</u>; and

a controller which controls the light splitter to a semi-transparent state in the first position and a blocking state in the second position.

- 2. (Original) A camera according to claim 1, wherein said light splitter is a liquid crystal plate of variable transmittance.
- 3. (Original) A camera according to claim 1, wherein said light splitter provides a liquid crystal plate having variable transmittance on a semi-transparent mirror.
- 4. (Original) A camera according to claim 1, wherein said light splitter provides a display which is able to display an image sensed by the image sensor.
- 5. (Original) A camera according to claim 4, wherein said driver maintains the light splitter at the second position for a specific time after the image sensor senses the image and the display displays the image sensed by the image sensor.

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- 6. (Currently Amended) A camera according to claim 1, wherein said driver maintains the light splitter at the second position when the sensor <u>is</u> continuously sensing a plurality of images.
- 7. (Original) A camera according to claim 6, wherein said light splitter provides a display which is able to display an image sensed by the image sensor.
- 8. (Original) A camera according to claim 1, further comprising a return switch which instructs the driver to move the light splitter from the second position to the first position when the light splitter is at the second position.

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9. (Currently Amended) A method to control a splitter which is provided in a camera and is movable between a first position to divide [[the]] light transmitted through a taking lens to an image sensor and a finder and a second position in which the [[light]] splitter is away from the light transmitted through the taking lens and the light <u>is</u> directed only to the image sensor, the method <u>comprising</u>; <u>comprising the steps of</u>:

controlling the splitter to a semi-transparent state in the first position; and controlling the splitter to a blocking state in the second position.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9, further emprising; comprising the step of:

displaying an image sensed by the image sensor on the splitter when the splitter is in the second position.